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1. SUMMARY: US MTN DEL MET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF 8 EC-
ACP COUNTRIES AT THEIR REQUEST. MEETING WAS CHARACTERIZED
BY MINIMUM OF RHETORIC TO PRESERVE POSITIONS, BUT WAS
OTHERWISE BUSINESSLIKE. ACP'S PRESENTED A LIST OF 16
PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO ACP'S, WHICH WAS REPRESENTED AS AN

EFFORT TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE INTERESTS OF SMALLER ACP COUNTRIES NOT REPRESENTED IN GENEVA. US MTN DEL URGED THAT PRODUCTS BE FORMALLY REQUESTED BY THESE COUNTRIES; REMINDED ACP'S THAT PRODUCT SPECIFIC NEGOTIATIONS WERE BEING CONDUCTED BILATERALLY; AND URGED INDIVIDUAL ACP COUNTRIES TO CONSIDER THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MTN. MEETING MARKED FIRST APPEARANCE OF ETHIOPIA AND SUDANESE DELEGATIONS, THE LATTER INDICATING ITS INTENTION TO SUBMIT A REQUEST ON LONG STAPLE COTTON (TSUS 300.15). END SUMMARY.

2. MTN DEL (GRAEF ET AL) MET WITH 8 ACP COUNTRIES (NIGERIA, ZAIRE, ETHIOPIA, IVORY COAST, SENEGAL, SUDAN, GHANA, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO) LED BY ADEWAKUN OF NIGERIA. MEETING WAS ARRANGED BY GATT SECRETARIAT, WHICH HAS ALSO SCHEDULED MEETING FOR ACP'S WITH OTHER DCS AND SOME LDCS. SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE MEETING, NIGERIA AND ETHIOPIA DELS ATTEMPTED TO INDICATE THAT THE ACP WAS NEGOTIATING AS A GROUP, BUT IT WAS CLEAR THAT THIS VIEW WAS NOT SHARED BY ALL ACP REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT. US DEL REFERRED TO THE MEETING AS DISCUSSION WITH ACP'S, AND REMINDED THOSE PRESENT THAT PRODUCT SPECIFIC NEGOTIATIONS WERE BEING CONDUCTED ON A BILATERAL BASIS.

3. ACP'S PRESENTED A LIST OF 16 PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO THEM, WHICH WAS REPRESENTED AS AN EFFORT TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT SMALLER ACP COUNTRIES NOT REPRESENTED IN GENEVA (TSUS 137.63 - BAHAMAS; 140.45 - MALAWI, KENYA; 135.75 - LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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JAMAICA, BAHAMAS; 176.34 - 165.25 - JAMAICA, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO; 192.15 - JAMAICA; 170.20, 170.25, AND 170.40 - CAMEROONS; 170.66 - JAMAICA; 376.24 - JAMAICA; 700.32 - JAMAICA; 618.04 - GHANA). THE LIST ALSO INCLUDED: 193.10, TONKA BEANS AND 168.40, RUM, WHICH HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY TRINIDAD & TOBAGO, AND 300.15, LONG STAPLE COTTON. US MTN DEL RESPONDED THAT WHILE WE WOULD REPORT THESE INTERESTS, THE COUNTRIES INTERESTED SHOULD FORMALLY SUBMIT REQUESTS UNDER GROUP AGRICULTURAL PROCEDURES. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE MENTIONED IMPORTANCE OF JUNE 20 CUTOFF DATE (REFTEL) AND ASKED THEM TO SUBMIT SUCH REQUESTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SUDANESE DEL INDICATED ITS INTENTION TO DO THIS WITH REGARD TO LONG STAPLE COTTON.

4. US DEL MADE A BRIEF PRESENTATION ON NTMS ON A LIST: SALES TAXES, WINE GALLON, AND SECTION 22 QUOTAS ON COTTON. WE ALSO SPOKE BRIEFLY ABOUT CODES, AND ENCOURAGED ACP'S TO PARTICIPATE IN AS MANY OF THE CODES AS POSSIBLE, POINTING OUT THAT LDCS WILL BE MADE MAJOR BENEFICIARIES OF INCREASED DISCIPLINE IN THE TRADING SYSTEM.

5. ACPS ALSO REITERATED SOME WELL WORN LDC RHETORIC (E.G. THAT US SHOULD IMPROVE IT'S OFFER TO LDC'S BEFORE THEY CONSIDER CONTRIBUTIONS OF THEIR OWN, AND THAT AS A FIRST STEP THE US SHOULD IMPLEMENT ITS' TROPICAL PRODUCTS OFFER.) US RESPONDED THAT THE QUESTION WHICH HAD TO BE ADDRESSED WAS MAINTENANCE OF THE US OFFER, AND URGED ACPS TO EXAMINE US OFFER AND TO TABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THEIR OWN. WE REMINDED ACPS OF OUR POSITION THAT WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO IMPLEMENT UNILATERAL CONCESSIONS IN MTN.

6. COMMENT: WHILE FAMILIAR RHETORICAL GROUND WAS COVERED THERE WAS AN ENCOURAGING AIR OF PRACTICALITY BY MOST ACP REPRESENTATIVES AT THE MEETING AS EXEMPLIFIED BY THE FACT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT THE ACPS MADE NO REFERENCE TO THE EROSION OF GSP OR ACP MARGINS OF PREFERENCE AND EXPRESSED THEIR INTEREST

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IN MFN TARIFF REDUCTIONS. MTN DEL HAS SCHEDULED
BILATERALS WITH ALL ACP REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT AT THE
MEETING TO UNDERSCORE OUR INTENTION TO NEGOTIATE WITH
ACPS BILATERALLY. END COMMENT.
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